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SUBJ: CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF FORMER CHIEF OF STATE STOICA

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1. I AM RELUCTANT TO SEND A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON CHIVU
STOICA'S DEATH FOR TWO REASONS:

A. WE WERE NOT NOTIFIED OFFICIALLY BY THE GOR OF THE
DEATH, AND THE ATTENTION PAID IN THE PRESS HAS BEEN MINIMAL
GIVEN THE OSTENSIBLE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLES HE ONCE HELD.
(THERE ARE RUMORS THAT HE COMMITTED SUICIDE OVER A LOVE
AFFAIR AND THAT'S WHY ONLY LIMITED HONORS WERE PAID.) AS
FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE, OTHER NATO EMBASSIES HAVE NOT
EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES.

B. HIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE IN
THE SIXTIES WAS LITTLE MORE THAN THAT OF A FIGUREHEAD. IF
THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WERE MAURER WHO CLEARLY PLAYED
A MAJOR ROLE, EVEN THOUGH NOT A CHIEF OF STATE, I WOULD
FAVOR A MESSAGE.

2. I UNDERSTAND OF COURSE THE UTILITY OF A GESTURE AT A
TIME LIKE THIS AND WILL OF COURSE DISPATCH A MESSAGE IF
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YOU STILL FEEL IN LIGHT OF CONSIDERATIONS ABOVE IT WOULD

BE USEFUL TO DO SO. IN THAT SITUATION I WOULD WANT SOME
LEEWAY HOWEVER TO EDIT THE MESSAGE.
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